

Columbia

VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY **Rotation Information for Residency Candidates**

Required Rotations

- **Anticoagulation Clinic** (4 weeks)
- **Internal Medicine I** (4 weeks)
- **Internal Medicine II or Critical Care I** (4 weeks)
- **Introduction to Inpatient Staffing and Clinical Administration** (4 weeks)
- **Orientation** (4 weeks)
- **Primary Care I** (8 weeks)^{**}
 - Consists of Primary Care at Dorn 4 days a week **and**
 - Choice of Introduction to Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) **or** Introduction to Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) 1 day a week
- **Four Electives** (4 weeks each)

^{**}format of Primary Care I experience subject to change

Required Longitudinal Learning Experiences

- **Clinical Teaching Certificate Program**
- **Medication Use Evaluation**
- **Outpatient Pharmacy Staffing**
 - Up to one weekend every 3 weeks
 - Up to 4 holidays (includes 1 major holiday)
- **Pharmacy Practice Management and Leadership**
- **Project Management**

Required Activities

- **Project Presentations**
 - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Columbia VA Research Day, Regional Residency Research Conference
- **Other Presentations**
 - CE programs, Didactic lectures
- **Medication Event Reporting**
- **Medical Emergency Training**
 - BLS and ALS certification
- **Residency Recruitment**

Elective Rotations^{*} (4 weeks each)

- **Antimicrobial Stewardship/Infectious Disease**
- **Critical Care I** (if not chosen as a required rotation), II
- **Geriatrics: HBPC**
- **GI/Hepatology**
- **Internal Medicine II** (if not chosen as a required rotation), III
- **Nephrology**
- **Oncology I, II**
- **Pain Management**
- **Pharmacoeconomics**
- **Primary Care II: CBOC, Dorn**
- **Psychiatry: Inpatient, Outpatient**

^{*}all elective rotations are subject to preceptor availability and additional elective rotations may be become available or be developed based on resident interest

For additional information about the PGY1 residency program at the Columbia VA, contact:

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<https://www.va.gov/columbia-south-carolina-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-program/>

Columbia, SC VA PGYI Pharmacy Residency Program

About the Residency Program

The PGYI Pharmacy Residency program at the Columbia VA Health Care System (Columbia VA) is a 12-month program based at the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC that offers comprehensive training with a goal of producing well-rounded clinical pharmacists who, when finished, are well prepared to enter the role of a Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner or pursue specialized PGY2 residency training. The program's required rotations are well-balanced between inpatient and outpatient settings, but residents can customize their year with the multitude of available elective rotations. Additional requirements include: practice management and pharmacy leadership, pharmacy operations, project management, medication event reporting, and participation in multidisciplinary committees such as Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM). **No prior VA experience is required.**

Residents are required to complete a major project and obtain appropriate IRB approval. Projects will be presented as a poster at a national and/or local conference as well as formally presented at a regional residency conference. A manuscript suitable for publication will also be written from this project but actual publication is optional.

Residents have teaching responsibilities to patients, students, and pharmacy and hospital staff through various in-services and patient education classes. PGYI residents are required to participate in the University of South Carolina (USC) College of Pharmacy Clinical Teaching Certificate program in which they will precept students, engage in various teaching activities, and can become an Affiliate faculty member with the college.

The Columbia VA currently has one PGY2 residency program: Ambulatory Care. PGYI residents will work with PGY2 residents in various capacities throughout the year and may have the opportunity to early commit to the PGY2 AmCare program.

The start date is approximately July 1st. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment, such as U.S. citizenship. Appointment is also contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment screening to include a physical exam and drug test. **Residents must be licensed in any state by September 30th which must then be maintained throughout the program.**

Benefits include medical insurance including optional dental and vision, free uniforms and on-site parking, 11 paid holidays, and accrual of a total of 26 days of vacation and sick leave.

About the Columbia VA Health Care System

The Columbia VA Health Care System is comprised of the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC and seven community-based outpatient clinics throughout the state. The system provides comprehensive health care to more than 80,000 veterans and conducts over 1 million outpatient visits each year.

The Dorn VA Medical Center is a 135-bed teaching facility with an average daily census of 65 acute and extended care patients. The medical center is affiliated and shares its campus with the USC School of Medicine. The Pharmacy Service has affiliations with colleges of Pharmacy at USC, South University, and Presbyterian College.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 2nd

Application and Interview Information

Application Requirements:

- In PhORCAS:
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter of intent
 - Three (3) letters of recommendation
 - College transcripts
- Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited program
- United States citizenship

Interview Requirements:

- Interview via WebEx required
- Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than **January 20th**

Number of Positions: 4

Stipend: approx. \$47,000

Start Date: approx. July 1st

This residency program participates in the National Matching System and PhORCAS for the application process. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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